

Seekonk Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

1/21/21 7-8:30pm

Zoom

Submitted by: Deborah Baldizar

Members Present: Bill Clark, Ann-Marie Gillett, Deborah Baldizar, Christine DeCesare, Stuart Montgomery, Rob Emlen

- I. Introductions to get to know new members – Ann-Marie and Rob
- II. Status of 2020 Grants
 - a. 6 grants were deferred.
 - b. Art in Bloom wants to change the project slightly and we decided to allow it.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The treasury shows we have \$8,203 to grant. We decided to reserve our balance from last year (\$1,003) plus 15% of the current allocation (\$7,200) which is \$1,080 for a total of \$2,083 to use toward the council event. We are also allowed to reserve 5% of the current allocation for administrative expenses which comes to \$360.
 - b. \$8,203 balance available to grant
 - \$1,003 last year's balance
 - \$1,080 - 15% of current allocation
 - \$360 - 5% of current allocation

 - \$5,760 - new amount to grant
 - We allocated \$5,780
- I. Discussion of the Seaconcke Event
 - c. Scheduled to happen last Spring. We can use the money from last year and carry over to this year. We decided to reserve our balance from last year (\$1,003) plus 15% of the current allocation (\$7,200) which is \$1,080 for a total of \$2,083 to use toward the council event. We are also allowed to reserve 5% of the current allocation for administrative expenses which comes to \$360.
- II. Review of 2021 Grants
 - a. We discussed all 12 grants. We chose 1 to decline and 1 to offer \$200 less than asking.
- III. Grantee Adoptions
 - a. Idea was shared for Council members to adopt a location and then build and maintain a relationship with that location to keep them informed of the Grant deadline and find out when events are occurring so as to share with the rest of the council members and the community at large.
 - b. Members adopted the following locations.

- i. Rob- Senior Center
- ii. Chris- Children's Library Events
- iii. Bill - Adult Library Events
- iv. Ann-Marie- Attleboro Arts Museum
- v. Deborah- Seekonk Middle School

IV. Council Board Openings

- a. Ann-Marie will work on Recruitment of new members
- b. Deborah stepped up to be Secretary

V. Seaconcke Event

- a. Shared the ideas for the event with new members:
 - i. Art show highlighting work of local artists and school age artists (Elementary, middle and high school)
 - ii. Art performances from local folks and those that were awarded grants.
 - iii. Art making
 - iv. Food trucks
 - v. Celebration of Seekonk History- Rob volunteers to reach out to local Native Americans for info and possible attendance
 - vi. Possible date: The first weekend in Oct- try to time it the weekend before Seekonk Artists Network Open Studio as a prelude to the event.

VI. Next steps:

- a. Bill sends notice to all grantees.
- b. Members follow up with their appointed grantees.
- c. Meeting sometime in April to plan the Fall Seaconcke Event